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Applicant. Jeffrey S. Lille et al.

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For:

PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC HEAD HAVING THERMALLY ASSISTED RECORDING ELEMENT, AND METHOD OF FABRICATION THEREFOR

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed May 16, 2006, Applicant elects species (1), Figs 4-7 for further prosecution, without traverse.

Applicant further elects claims 1-3, 5, 9-11 and 13 as reading on the elected species of Figs. 4-7.

Additionally, as to the elected claims, Applicant includes herewith a Preliminary Amendment that amends claims 10 and 11 for clarity.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments a telephone conference at the number set forth below is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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